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SECOND SECTION FROM MOCORON, HONDURAS, (US-HONDURAN
EXERCISE IS HELD NEAR NICARAGUA) WRITES OF BEGINNING OF
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THAN 25 MILES AWAY." EIGHT-DAY EXERCISE IS DESIGNED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH NICARAGUA, SAYS DICKEY, WHO NOTES THAT BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS AVOID EVEN MENTIONING THE NAME OF NICARAGUA. BUT, HE SAYS, "ACCORDING TO US DIPLOMATS IN HONDURAS, THE MANEUVERS ARE INTENDED TO SEND A STROMG, IF DELICATELY BALANCED POLITICAL MESSAGE, TO BOTH THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFTIST REGIME IN MANAGUA AND THE GOVERNMENT THAT WASHINGTON BACKS IN TEGUCIGALPA...'THE STATED GOAL IS TO EVALUATE THE MILITRY READINESS AND CAPABILTTY OF THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES AND THAT REALLY IS ONE GOAL,' SAID A US DIPLOMAT ...'THE POLITICAL GOAL IS TO SHOW THAT WE WILL DEFEND OUR ALLIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.'" DICKEY NOTES THAT THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMITMENT TO THIS EFFECT, AND THE HONDURANS SEEM UNSURE OF HOW MUCH SUPPORT THEY CAN COUNT ON FROM THE US. MANEUVERS WERE PLANNED LAST SUMMR, DICKEY SAYS, IN RESPONSE TO HONDURAN MILITARY'S "INCREASED INTEREST IN REDUCING...TIES TO THE US." ARGENTINE INFLUENCE WAS GROWING, AND DICKEY SAYS REASSURANCES MADE BY THE USG TO THE GOH, INCLUDING THIS EXERCISE, "HAVE HELPED RENEW WASHINGTON'S ALWAYS EXTENSIVE INFLUENCE WITH THE HONDURAN MILITARY." AT THE SAME TIME, THE SANDINISTAS CHARGE THAT THE MANEUVERS MAY BE USED AS COVER FOR THE RESUPPLY OF REBELS FIGHTING TO OVERTHROW THEM, OR EVEN AS PREPARATION FOR AN ACTUAL INVASION, WHICH US AND HONDURAN OFFICIALS DENY. DICKEY NOTES THAT ON A TWO-DAY TOUR OF THE ISOLATED REGION OF EASTERN HONDURAS TO OBSERVE THE EXERCISES, "IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR MORE THAN 70 FOREIGN REPORTERS AND SEVERAL FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NICARAGUAN CONCERNS ARE JUSTIFIED OR NOT."

EL SALVADOR: ARTHUR ALLEN OF AP HAS STORY FROM SAN SALVADOR ADJOINING ABOVE STORY ON FRONT PAGE SECOND SECTION FROM SAN SALVADOR (SALVADORAN UNITS READY ATTACK ON REBELS IN CITY) WHICH SAYS THAT GOVERNMENT TROOPS WERE REPORTED MOVING INTO POSITION TO LAUNCH A COUNTERATTACK ON THE GUERRILLA-HELD CITY OF BERLIN IN USULUTAN PROVINCE. ALLEN NOTES THAT BERLIN IS THE BIGGEST TOWN TAKEN BY THE LEFTISTS IN THEIR 39-MONTH GUERRILLA WAR. "ITS CAPTURE WAS EXPECTED TO BOOST THE REBELS' CAMPAIGN OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE IN A STRETCH OF RICH COTTON AND COFFEE LANDS." HE ALSO SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH THE REBELS INDICATED THAT THE GUERRILLAS MIGHT NOT TRY TO HOLD BERLIN, "THE CAPTURE OF THE CITY DEMONSTRATED THEIR INCREASING ABILITY TO OPERATE ON MORE THAN ONE FRONT. THE REBELS STRUCK IN USULUTAN PROVINCE WHILE ABOUT 6000 GOVERNMENT TROOPS, INCLUDING THE THREE MOBILE BATTALIONS TRAINED BY THE US, WERE TIED DOWN MORE THAN 100 MILES NORTHEAST OF SAN SALVADOR ON AN OPERATION IN MORAZAN PROVINCE." IN THE CONTINUING POLITICAL BATTLE IN EL SALVADOR, SAYS ALLEN, THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY REFUSED TO REVERSE ITS EARLIER VOTE LIMITING POWERS OF RIGHTIST ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON, DESPITE HIS THREAT TO RESIGN. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE WOULD STAND BY HIS THREAT TO QUIT AND TAKE WITH HIM THE OTHER 18 ARENA DEPUTIES. (NOTE: CBS MORNING NEWS FEB. 3 REPORTED THAT THE GUERRILLAS HAD ANNOUNCED THEY WERE WITHDRAWING FROM

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BERLIN, BEFORE THE GOES LAUNCHED ITS COUNTERATTACK. CBS ALSO SAID GOES HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DISLODGE GUERRILLAS FROM TOWNS IN MORAZAN.)

GUATEMALA: UPI FROM GUATEMALA CITY PAGE 26 (GUATEMALA COURT SUSPENDS EXECUTION OF FOUR ACCUSED OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES) SAYS GUATEMALAN SUPREME COURT ACCEPTED A LAST-MINUTE APPEAL YESTERDAY AND SUSPENDED THE EXECUTIONS OF THREE GUATEMALANS AND ONE HONDURAN SENTENCED TO BE SHOT AT DAWN FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. DEFENSE LAWYERS ARGUED THAT MILITARY "TRIBUNALS OF SPECIAL JURISDICTION HAD VIOLATED GUARANTEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS" BY REFUSING TO ALLOW THEM TO INTERVIEW THEIR CLIENTS. UPI SAYS THE FOUR CONDEMNED MEN HAD ARRIVED AT GUATEMALA CITY'S CENTRAL CEMETERY AND COFFINS HAD BEEN HAULED IN BEFORE THE LAST MINUTE SUSPENSION OF THE EXECUTIONS WAS ANNOUNCED.

BRAZIL: MILTON BENJAMIN INSIDE SECOND SECTION PAGE 29 (BRAZIL TAKES STEP TOWARD DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS POTENTIAL) SAYS "BRAZIL HAS TAKEN A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD DEVELOPING A NUCLEAR WEAPONS POTENTIAL BY PRODUCING ITS OWN PLUTONIUM IN AN AMERICAN-SUPPLIES RESEARCH REACTOR AND REPROCESSING IT IN A FACILITY NOT OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION, ACCORDING TO US INTELLIGENCE SOURCES." PLUTONIUM WAS PRODUCED IN THE 5-MEGAWATT BABCOCK AND WILCOX REACTOR AT BRAZIL'S LEADING ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER, IPEN, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SAO PAULO, BENJAMIN SAYS. UNDER BRAZIL'S AGREEMENT OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH THE US, NOTES BENJAMIN, THE REACTOR IS SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION. BUT THE PLUTONIUM PRODUCED IN IT WAS PUT THROUGH A LABORATORY-SCALE REPROCESSING PLANT AT IPEN THAT BRAZIL REFUSES TO PLACE UNDER INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS. "THE FACT THAT BRAZIL WAS ABLE TO BREED PLUTONIUM BY PLACING ITS NATURAL URANIUM INTO AN AMERICAN-SUPPLIED RESEARCH REACTOR -- AND IRRADIATING IT WITH AMERICAN-SUPPLIED HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL -- IS CERTAIN TO AROUSE NEW CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER THE ADEQUACY OF US EXPORT ARRANGEMENTS." BENJAMIN NOTES THAT THE AMOUNT OF PLUTONIUM REPROCESSED BY IPEN TO DATE IS SAID TO BE NO MORE THAN A FEW GRAMS, AND BRAZIL AT THIS POINT DOES NOT HAVE THE FACILITIES EITHER TO PRODUCE OR TO REPROCESS THE FIVE OR SIX KILOS OF PLUTONIUM NEEDED FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPON. BY BEGINNING TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN SEPARATING AND HANDLING PLUTONIUM, BRAZIL CONTINUES TO FOLLOW THE NUCLEAR LEAD OF ITS REGIONAL RIVAL, ARGENTINA, SAYS BENJAMIN. STATE DEPT. SOURCES SAID THAT BRAZIL TECHNICALLY HAS NOT VIOLATED ITS AGREEMENTS WITH THE US. IF IT HAD GAINED ACCESS TO PLUTONIUM BY REPROCESSING THE FUEL THE US HAS SUPPLIED OVER THE YEARS FOR THE RESEARCH REACTOR WITHOUT SEEKING US CONSENT, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A VIOLATION. BUT THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT APPARENTLY DID NOT SPECIFICALLY FORESEE THE POSSIBILITY OF BRAZIL PRODUCING ITS OWN PLUTONIUM IN THE REACTOR AND REPROCESSING IT IN ITS UNSAFEGUARDED FACILITY, BENJAMIN SAYS.

-- WASHINGTON TIMES --

EL SALVADOR: THOMAS BRANDT PAGE 4 (CHANGES EXPECTED IN

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PROCESS OF CERTIFYING SALVADOR FOR AID) SAYS HEARINGS ON CERTIFICATION YESTERDAY BEFORE THE SFRC "QUICKLY SHIFTED AWAY FROM THE LATEST CERTIFICATION...AND FOCUSED INSTEAD ON THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS ITSELF." SEN. PERCY SAID THE CERTIFICATION SERVES A "MODEST BUT USEFUL PURPOSE" OF ENCOURAGING MODERATE FORCES IN EL SALVADOR. PERCY WAS JOINED BY BOTH LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES ON THE COMMITTEE WHEN HE SAID THE SFRC SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER TO MODIFY OR ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENTS WHEN IT TAKES UP THE FOREIGN AID AUTHORIZATION BILL LATER THIS YEAR. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, SAYS BRANDT, "FOUND LITTLE TO AGREE ON EXCEPT THAT THE CURRENT PROCEDURE WAS A FLAWED TOOL FOR ACCOMPLISHING US FOREIGN POLICY." BRANDT CITES ASST. SECY. ENDERS TESTIMONY THAT, "THIS THIRD CERTIFICATION DOES NOT SAY THAT THESE (REFORM) GOALS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. IT SAYS THAT EL SALVADOR CONTINUES TO ADVANCE TOWARDS THEM."

HONDURAS: AP PHOTO PAGE 6 (MAKING A POINT IN HONDURAS) OF JOSE BUSTILLO MURCIA OF HONDURAN ARMED FORCES BRIEFING PRESS ON JOINT MANEUVERS.

EL SALVADOR: SAME AP STORY AS IN WASHINGTON POST IS CARRIED PAGE 7 (SALVADORAN TROOPS PREPARING TO RETAKE KEY CITY), BUT ADDS INFORMATION ABOUT ENDERS TESTIMONY YESTERDAY TO SFRC. ENDERS TOLD COMMITTEE THAT THE CAPTURE OF BERLIN WAS "A SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTION...BUT NOT A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTION." ENDERS ADDED, HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO AP, "THAT THE SALVADORAN ARMY MISCALCULATED IN ALLOWING THE REBELS TO GAIN MOMENTARILY IN THE OFFENSIVE THEY BEGAN LAST OCTOBER. 'THE ARMY FAILED TO REACT VIGOROUSLY WITH THE RIGHT TACTICS,' HE SAID." AP ADDS THAT "SOME FOREIGN MILITARY EXPERTS IN EL SALVADOR SAID THE FALL OF BERLIN DEMONSTRATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD LOSE THE WAR UNLESS ITS COMMANDERS ABANDON THE LARGE-SCALE INFANTRY SWEEPS THAT THEY FAVOR AND SWITCH TO SMALL-SCALE, HIGHLY MOBILE COUNTERINSURGENCY TACTICS."

GUATEMALA/MEXICO: AP FROM MEXICO CITY PAGE 6 (GUATEMALANS' PLIGHT SPURS UN RESPONSE) SAYS UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES WILL OPEN A BRANCH OFFICE IN THE SOUTHERN MEXICAN STATE OF CHIAPAS FOLLOWING REPORTS OF RAIDS ON GUATEMALAN REFUGEE CAMPS ALONG THE BORDER. MEANWHILE GUATEMALA'S AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO DENIED THAT HIS COUNTRY HAD VIOLATED MEXICAN TERRITORY TO ATTACK THE REFUGEE CAMPS.

PERU: AP FROM AYACUCHO PAGE 6 (PERU SETS PROBE IN KILLING OF NEWSMEN) SAYS NOT EVEN A DOG IS SEEN IN AYACUCHO, BIRTHPLACE OF SHINING PATH INSURGENCY, AFTER CURFEW, AND TO BE A STRANGER THERE IS TO RISK BECOMING A CASUALTY IN THE GOVERNMENT'S WAR AGAINST SENDERO LUMINOSO. NINE PERUVIAN JOURNALISTS WERE FOUND HACKED TO DEATH NEAR AYACUCHO LAST WEEK, SAYS AP, AND WITNESSES SAID 400 PEASANTS ATTACKED THE JOURNALISTS WITH SLING SHOTS, STONES AND MACHETES. PERUVIAN SENATE HAS ORDERED A CONGRESSIONAL PROBE AFTER A PEASANT TOLD REPORTERS

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CIVIL GUARD MEMBERS GAVE ORDERS "TO MASSACRE ANY STRANGERS BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE TERRORISTS." AP SAYS THE PEASANT SAID THE PARAMILITARY CIVIL GUARDS HAD TOLD PEASANTS TO TORTURE AND MUTILATE "ANY STRANGER." DEATH OF THE JOURNALISTS "WAS A SHARP EMBARRASMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN THE BATTLE AGAINST AN ESTIMATED 500 TO 700 GUERRILLAS, A BATTLE IT HAD CLAIMED TO BE WINNING..." INTERNATIONAL FINANCE: PATRICK ROGERS, TEACHER AT THE MONTESSORI INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN CALABAS, CALIF., HAS OP-ED COLUMN PAGE 2C OF COMMENTARY SECTION (WORLD BANKERS: OF BAILOUTS AND BLACKMAIL) IN WHICH HE SHARPLY CRITICIZES ACTIONS OF LARGE BANKS IN CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CRISIS. "SOUR LOANS IN MEXICO, BRAZIL, POLAND AND ARGENTINA...HAVE PUSHED THE LARGE COMMERCIAL BANKS OUT ON THE EDGE OF A CLIFF. AS FINANCIAL WRITER WILLIAM J. QUIRK SEES IT, THE BANKS HAVE TWO CHOICES: 'THEY CAN LOAN MORE MONEY IF THEY CAN GET IT. OR THEY CAN STOP AND WATCH THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES GO OFF LIKE A STRING OF CHINESE FIRECRACKERS -- WITH THE BANKS AS THE CHERRY BOMB AT THE END.'" ROGERS SAYS THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BOTH MEXICO AND BRAZIL, WHERE BANKS AND USG ARE RUSHING IN WITH MORE MONEY TO KEEP THOSE COUNTRIES AFLOAT. ROGERS CRITICIZES THE MONETARY CONTROL ACT, WHICH ALLOWS THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD "TO BAIL OUT" NATIONALIZED BANKS IN MEXICO, THUS FURTHER PROTECTING US COMMERCIAL BANKS. "TO SPELL IT OUT MOST CLEARLY: MEXICO IS A ULTIMATELY A PROBLEM OF THE BANKERS' FAVORITE LENDER-OF-LAST-RESORT, THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER." BEYOND THIS GOOD NEWS, ROGERS SAYS, "THERE IS YET ANOTHER SPECTER HANGING OVER THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SCENE: THE THREAT OF DEBTOR BLACKMAIL."

-- WALL STREET JOURNAL --

EL SALVADOR: FRONT PAGE NEWS BRIEF SAYS "GUERRILLA ADVANCES IN EL SALVADOR WERE PLAYED DOWN BY REAGAN AIDES WHO CRITICIZED THE SALVADORAN ARMY FOR FAILING TO REACT MORE QUICKLY TO THE ATTACKS. THOMAS ENDERS...TOLD THE SFRC THAT THE REBELS IN THE TOWN OF BERLIN WERE BETTER EQUIPPED THAN PREVIOUSLY."

BRAZIL: SECOND FRONT PAGE NEWS BRIEF SAYS THAT BRAZIL'S FOREIGN DEBT AT THE END OF 1982 WAS DOLS 83.8 BILLION, THE BIGGEST IN THE WORLD. A 1981 COMPARISON WAS NOT AVAILABLE. OF THE TOTAL, DOLS 59.3 BILLION WAS OWED TO COMMERCIAL BANKS.

-- NEW YORK TIMES --

EL SALVADOR: BERNARD WEINRAUB, REPORTING ON THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON EL SALVADOR CERTIFICATION YESTERDAY ("SALVADOR SETBACK AROUSES CONCERN OF REAGAN AIDES: SENATORS ARE TOLD CITY'S LOSS TO REBELS IS A 'SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTION'"), CARRIED FRONT PAGE. TEXT SUPPORTING THE HEADLINE FOLLOWS MIDWAY THROUGH ARTICLE WHEN ASST. SEC. ENDERS "CONCEDED THAT THE EVENTS IN BERLIN WERE A 'SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTION. THE ARMY FAILED TO REACT VIGOROUSLY WITH THE RIGHT TACTICS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER,' HE SAID. 'THEY ALLOWED THE GUERRILLAS TO EXPAND THEIR LEVEL OF

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VIOLENCE. THEY ARE NOW ENGAGED IN A MAJOR PUSH IN MORAZAN PROVINCE AND, IN THE PROCESS, HAVE LEFT THEMSELVES OPEN TO ATTACK IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCE OF USULUTAN.'" WEINRAUB DESCRIBES THE TONE OF THE HEARING

ING PARAGRAPHS OF ARTICLE DESCRIBES OFFICIALS AS ANXIOUS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR FOLLOWING THE FALL OF THE SOUTHEASTERN TOWN OF BERLIN TO GUERRILLAS. "AT THE SAME TIME," WEINRAUB WRITES, "THE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS THOMAS O. ENDERS, CONCEDED UNDER ANGRY QUESTIONING FROM SEVERAL SENATORS THAT UNITED STATES POLICY IN EL SALVADOR WAS 'CONFUSED' AND HAD RESULTED IN THE SALVADORANS RECEIVING 'MIXED SIGNALS'". EARLY PARAGRAPHS INCLUDE QUOTES FROM SENATOR CHRISTOPHER J. DODD (D-CONN.) THAT "CERTIFICATION IS A FARCE, IT'S IRRELEVANT" ("WE'VE SPENT DOLS 748 MILLION THERE IN THREE YEARS, WE'RE APPROACHING ONE BILLION DOLLARS, AND WHAT DO WE HAVE TO SHOW FOR IT? IT'S SO SICK THERE. THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATION AREN'T IMPROVING AT ALL") AND SENATOR NANCY L. KASSEBAUM (R-KAN.) CONCERNS THAT THE GUERRILLAS "SEEMED TO HAVE GAINED IN STRENGTH" OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. THE QUESTION OF CONFUSION IN THE POLICY RECEIVES MORE EXPLANATION LATER IN THE ARTICLE WHEN WEINRAUB WRITES THAT "MR. ENDERS OBSERVED, AFTER MR. DODD'S HEATED COMMENTS, THAT SALVADORANS PERCEIVED AMERICAN POLICY AS ONE OF 'MIXED SIGNALS'. THE POINT REVOLVED AROUND AMB. HINTON'S SPEECH DESCRIBING A RIGHTIST "MAFIA" AS MUCH OF A THREAT TO THE COUNTRY'S STABILITY AS THE LEFTISTS -- A SPEECH WHICH RECEIVED STATE DEPARTMENT BUT NOT WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL. HUMAN RIGHTS ASSISTANT SECRETARY ABRAMS NOTED IN THE HEARING THAT "I THINK THERE'S CONFUSION ABOUT WHETHER WE'LL STICK WITH IT, AND I THINK THEY (THE SALVADORANS) HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE CONFUSED. WE ARE PUSHING THEM OUT ON SOME VERY THIN LIMBS AND THEY'RE NOT SURE WE'RE NOT GOING TO CUT THEM OFF. AND THEY'RE CONFUSED BECAUSE A LOT OF AMERICANS COME DOWN THERE, INCLUDING CONGRESSMAN, AND SAY TO THEM, 'I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF TO CUTTING YOU OFF.' SO THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE CONFUSED.'" FINAL PARAGRAPH NOTES SENATOR HELMS (R-NC) PLANNED RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT EACH CERTIFICATION REPORT INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF KILLINGS COMMITTED BY GUERRILLAS. "AT PRESENT THE REPORT GIVES THE NUMBER OF MURDERS OF CIVILIANS EACH MONTH, BUT THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT MANY OF THESE ARE COMMITTED BY RIGHTIST DEATH SQUADS," WRITES WEINRAUB. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PERCY AND ABRAMS AGREED WITH THE PROPOSAL.

EL SALVADOR: LYDIA CHAVEZ, REPORTING FROM SAN SALVADOR ("SALVADOR FORCE MOVING AGAINST REBEL-HELD CITY" P. 10), NOTES THAT A GOVERNMENT FORCE OF 1,500-2,000 TROOPS REPORTEDLY BEGAN A COUNTERATTACK TODAY AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS WHO SEIZED THE SOUTHEASTERN CITY BERLIN ON MONDAY. THE CITY, SHE WRITES, WAS SAID TO BE HELD BY ABOUT 500 GUERRILLAS WHO OVERRAN A SMALL DEFENDING FORCE OF FEWER THAN 100 ON MONDAY. "SOME REPORTS FROM THE AREA

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TUESDAY ... SUGGESTED THAT THE GUERRILLAS DID NOT INTEND TO TRY TO HOLD THE CITY, THE LARGEST THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE." REFERRING TO REPORTS THAT ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON WOULD "POSSIBLY" RESIGN AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, CHAVEZ WRITES THAT HIS RESIGNATION WOULD STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, BUT D'AUBUISSON WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BEGIN A CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MARCH, ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY.

BOLIVIA: BRIEF P. 4 UPI REPORT INDICATES THAT THE BOLIVIAN GOVT. HAS POSTPONED FOR THE SECOND DAY THE EXPULSION OF **KLAUS BARBIE**, WANTED IN FRANCE FOR WW II WAR CRIMES. GOVERNMENT AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THE GOVT. WOULD EXPEL BARBIE AS AN UNDESIRABLE PERSON BUT DELAYED THE ACTION BECAUSE OF FEARS OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION.

EL SALVADOR: ERNEST VAN DEN HAAG, PROFESSOR OF JURISPRUDENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY AT FORDHAM UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, HAS OP-ED PIECE ("WHEN AIDING LATINS" P. 23) WHICH FEELS THE CURRENT CERTIFICATION POINTS GO TO THE SYMPTOMS, NOT THE CAUSES, OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. HE RECOMMENDS THAT FOUR QUESTIONS TO ASK ARE: FIRST, DOES A GOVERNMENT (OR ANY GROUP) REQUESTING OUR HELP HAVE CONTROL OVER THE ARMED FORCES ("IF THE ANSWER IS YES, THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT NEED MILITARY HELP. IF, AS USUAL, THE ANSWER IS 'SOME CONTROL OVER SOME GROUPS,' THE RELEVANT QUESTIONS BECOMES: CAN WE HELP THE GOVERNMENT GO GAIN AT LEAST SUBSTANTIAL CONTROL?"); SECOND, WILL THE GOVERNMENT USE ITS CONTROL TO REDUCE ILLEGITIMATE VIOLENCE; THIRD, ONCE CIVIL PEACE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, WILL THE GOVERNMENT ALLOW FUTURE POLICIES AND HOLDERS OF POLITICAL POWER TO BE DETERMINED BY NONVIOLENT LEGITIMATE PROCESSES (E.G. "WILL IT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE OUSTED (OR CONFIRMED) BY A DEMOCRATIC VOTE?"); FINALLY, DOES THE GOVERNMENT RESIST DOMINATION BY FOREIGN POWERS? ARE THE FORCES THAT OPPOSE IT DOMINATED BY A FOREIGN POWER HOSTILE TO THE UNITED STATES AS WELL? AND IF THESE FORCES GAINED POWER, WOULD THEY REPRESS OPPOSITION, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO REMOVE THEM BY A PEACEFUL AND LEGITIMATE PROCESS? VAN DEN HAAG ADMITS THAT THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS OFTEN ARE AMBIGUOUS. "IN CUBA, THE REVOLUTIONARIES KEPT SOME PROMISES. THEY INSTITUTED LITERACY, BUT NOT, IT TURNED OUT, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. THUS, THE MAIN USE CUBAN PEASANTS NOW CAN MAKE OF THEIR NEW LITERACY IS TO READ FIDEL CASTRO'S SPEECHES. IN THE END, A HAPHAZARD DICTATORSHIP WAS REPLACED BY A SYSTEMATIC ONE. CUBANS WERE NOT GIVEN A CHANCE TO DECIDE WHICH THEY PREFERRED, OR WHETHER THEY PREFERRED DEMOCRACY TO EITHER. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT NICARAGUANS WILL GET SUCH A CHANCE." "WE FACED, BUT FAILED TO RECOGNIZE, THIS DILEMMA ONCE AGAIN IN NICARAGUA, AND WE ARE FACING IT STILL IN EL SALVADOR. IF WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT, WE FURTHER REDUCE ITS ABILITY TO CONTROL THE MANY GROUPS, NOMINALLY SUBJECTED TO IT, THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS, AND WE MAKE MORE LIKELY ITS DEFEAT

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BY REVOLUTIONARIES WHO HAVE BUT CONTEMPT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE EFFECTS ARE DEMONSTRATED IN CUBA AND NICARAGUA. THE NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED TO SETTLE THE CONFLICT IN EL SALVADOR DO NOT PROMISE ANYTHING BETTER. REVERSING VON CLAUSEWITZ, GUERRILLAS TREAT NEGOTIATIONS AS WAR TEMPORARILY PURSUED BY OTHER MEANS. THE FORCES WE MUST SUPPORT MAY BE FAR FROM IDEAL. BUT WE MUST SUPPORT THEM AS LONG AS THE ALTERNATIVE IS WORSE, AND, ABOVE ALL, LESS LIKELY TO IMPROVE. WE SHOULD USE THE INFLUENCE WE GAIN THROUGH OUR HELP TO PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT WE SUPPORT TO USE ITS POWER TO REDUCE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT STOPPING OUR SUPPORT BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT SUCCESSFUL ENOUGH WOULD INCREASE NEITHER OUR INFLUENCE, NOR THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO CONTROL VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WOULD THROW VICTORY TO THE REVOLUTIONARIES INTENT ON ESTABLISHING A TOTALITARIAN DICTATORSHIP."

NICARAGUA: RAYMOND BONNER, REPORTING ON FRONT PAGE OF FINANCIAL SECTION ("NICARAGUA SUPPORTED FOR DOLS 30 MILLION LOAN" P. D1), NOTES THAT A DOLS 30 MILLION LOAN FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO NICARAGUA, WHICH THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS BLOCKED TWICE IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS, "WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE APPROVED LATER THIS MONTH, ACCORDING TO DELEGATES TO THE BANK. APPROVAL WILL COME PRIMARILY BECAUSE ARGENTINA AND CHILE, WHICH SIDED WITH THE UNITED STATES ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, HAVE DECIDED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE LOAN, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATS FROM THESE COUNTRIES." ARGENTINE SUPPORT IS SEEN IN THE BACKDROP OF THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS. THE LOAN WOULD BE INTENDED TO ASSIST NICARAGUA'S FISHING INDUSTRY, PRIMARILY TO BUY 50 BOATS THAT THE SANDINISTS SAY ARE NEEDED TO REPLACE BOATS SPIRITED OUT OF THE COUNTRY BY ITS FORMER RULER, GEN. ANASTASIO SOMOZA DEBAYLE, BEFORE HIS OVERTHROW. CONGRESSMAN JERRY M. PATTERSON (D-CAL.), CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND FINANCE, HAS CALLED THE ADMINISTRATION'S OPPOSITION "SHORT-SIGHTED". BONNER NOTES THAT LAST YEAR THE US VOTED AGAINST A DOLS 16 MILLION WORLD BANK LOAN TO FINANCE STORM-DRAINAGE AND LOW INCOME PROJECTS IN MANAGUA.

-- BALTIMORE SUN --

EL SALVADOR: INSIDE P. 4 WIRESERVICE REPORTS HEADED "SALVADOR LAUNCHES ATTACK TO RECLAIM CITY". STORY NOTES ENDERS SENATE TESTIMONY YESTERDAY IN WHICH HE NOTED THAT THE CAPTURE OF BERLIN WAS "A SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTION...BUT NOT A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTION."

ARGENTINA: REUTERS REPORTS FROM BUENOS AIRES STATES THAT THE ARGENTINE INVASION OF THE FALKLAND/MALVINAS LAST APRIL WAS PLANNED THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE AND WAS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION BRITAIN WOULD MAKE NO SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO RECAPTURE THEM, ACCORDING TO AN ARGENTINE MILITARY STRATEGIST. RETIRED GEN. JUAN GUALIALMELI WROTE IN THE MAGAZINE "ESTRATEGIA" THAT GALTIERI'S GOVT. MADE THE DECISION AFTER IT CAME TO POWER IN A COUP IN DECEMBER,

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1981. STORY NOTES THAT THE ASSUMPTION IS AT ODDS WITH AN OFFICIAL BRITISH INQUIRY.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF T.V. NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS FEBRUARY 2:

-- ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT --

(FRANK REYNOLDS) HONDURAS/NICARAGUA - U.S. TROOPS ARE INVOLVED IN A RATHER DIFFERENT KIND OF MISSION IN CENTRAL AMERICA, VERY CLOSE TO THE BORDER BETWEEN HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA. THE NICARAGUANS SUSPECT THE AMERICAN AND HONDURAN TROOPS ARE NOT MERELY PLAYING AT WAR, BUT PREPARING FOR ONE. WASHINGTON DISAGREES.

(JOHN QUIONES, HONDURAS) THE MILITARY EXERCISES, CALLED OPERATION TALL PINE, ARE BEING STAGED JUST A FEW MILES FROM THE NICARAGUAN BORDER. BECAUSE RELATIONS ARE SO TENSE BETWEEN U.S.-BACKED HONDURAS AND MARXIST RULED NICARAGUA, OVER THE PAST YEAR THIS REGION HAS BECOME A VIRTUAL MILITARIZED ZONE. THE NICARAGUANS SAY THESE EXERCISES ARE AN EFFORT TO INTIMIDATE THEIR GOVERNMENT. AMERICAN OFFICIALS ADMIT THAT THE HONDURANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPREAD OF NICARAGUA'S SANDINISTA LED REVOLUTION. WHETHER OR NOT THIS WEEK'S WAR GAMES ARE A WARNING TO NICARAGUA, BOTH AMERICAN AND HONDURAN OFFICIALS AGREE--THIS MAY BE THE DAWNING OF A NEW ERA OF HIGHLY VISIBLE AMERICAN SUPPORT, ADMIST OVERWHELMING CIVIL UNREST IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

-- CBS EVENING NEWS --

(DAN RATHER) HONDURAS EXERCISES - THE MILITARY MANEUVERS IN HONDURAS WERE STRONGLY CONDEMNED BY NICARAGUA'S SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT.

(CHARLES GOMEZ) THE MANEUVERS ARE BEING CONDUCTED LESS THAN 10 MILES FROM HONDURAS BORDER WITH NICARAGUA. THE SANDINISTAS CALL THE EXERCISE A SERIOUS ACT OF AGRESSION BY THE U.S. THE U.S. AND HONDURAS SAY IT IS PURELY DEFENSIVE, THAT THE DANGER IS AN INVASION FROM NICARAGUA. NICARAGUA CLAIMS ANTI-SANDINISTA COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES BENT ON OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT ARE OPERATING FROM THE MANEUVER AREA. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. MAINTAINS THAT THESE EXERCISES ARE ROUTINE, THE SANDINISTAS VIEW THE MANEUVERS AS PROVOCATION AND THAT THE U.S. IS TRAINING THE HONDURAN FORCES TO ASSIST THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES.

(DAN RATHER) EL SALVADOR - THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR WAS REPORTED TODAY TO BE MASSING AT TWO POINTS FROM A COUNTER-ATTACK ON THE CITY OF BERLIN. THAT CITY WAS CAPTURED MONDAY BY SALVADORAN REBELS.

3. GUIDANCES PREPARED FOR NOON BRIEFING FEBRUARY 3:

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EL SALVADOR: U.S. TRAINER WOUNDED --

IF ASKED ONLY

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE WOUNDING OF A U.S. TRAINER IN EL SALVADOR?

A: SSG. JAY T. STANLEY RECEIVED A GUNSHORT WOUND IN THE UPPER LEFT LEG WHILE A PASSENGER IN A SALVADORAN HELICOPTER IN THE VICINITY OF SAN VICENTE. SSG. STANLEY

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IS IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION IN A SALVADORAN MILITARY HOSPITAL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT STANLEY, WAS PROCEEDING TO A TRAINING AREA FROM SAN SALVADOR WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. THE PILOT NOTICED TRAFFIC BACKED UP ON THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY AND DECIDED TO CHECK OUT THE SITUATION. AT THIS POINT THE HELICOPTER WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE AND SSG STANLEY WAS WOUNDED. WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER DETAILS.

Q: WILL A REPORT BE FILED ON THIS INCIDENT UNDER THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION?

A: THAT QUESTION IS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS, AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TO DRAW ANY DEFINITIVE CONCLUSIONS UNTIL WE HAVE ALL THE FACTS. HOWEVER, I WOULD NOTE THAT OUR FIRST REPORTS OF THE EVENT SUGGEST THAT IT WAS ONLY AN ISOLATED INCIDENT OCCURRING DURING A ROUTINE NON-COMBAT MISSION, RATHER THAN AN INTRODUCTION OF U.S. FORCES INTO HOSTILITIES.

Q: WILL A REPORT BE FILED UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE ARMS TROL ACT?

A: I WOULD NOTE THAT THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT IN THAT SECTION RELATES TO A CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF HOSTILITIES IN A COUNTRY RATHER THAN TO ANY PARTICULAR ISOLATED INCIDENT. BUT IN ANY EVENT, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING THAT SECTION HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, AND I WOULD HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THEM FOR ANY FURTHER COMMENT AT THIS POINT.

-- EL SALVADOR: POLICY CONFUSED WITH MIXED SIGNALS? --

Q: PRESS REPORTS (WEINRAUB/NYTIMES) OF YESTERDAY'S SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON CERTIFICATION FOR EL SALVADOR STATE THAT "OFFICIALS, INCLUDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS THOMAS O. ENDERS, CONCEDED UNDER ANGRY QUESTIONING FROM SEVERAL SENATORS THAT UNITED STATES POLICY IN EL SALVADOR WAS 'CONFUSED' AND HAD RESULTED IN THE SALVADORANS RECEIVING 'MIXED SIGNALS'". DOES THE DEPARTMENT REGARD IT'S POLICY AS BEING CONFUSED?

A: NO. ENDERS SAID THAT THE SALVADORANS WERE RECEIVING MIXED SIGNALS FROM THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF BOTH PRIVATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS WHICH HAVE VISITED EL SALVADOR PRIOR TO THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS. THE SALVADORANS WONDER WHETHER OR NOT THE U.S. WILL GO ON SUPPORTING THEM. ENDERS SAID HE HOPED THE HEARINGS WOULD MAKE PLAIN WE WANT THE REFORMS TO GO ON, BUT ALSO WANT EL SALVADOR TO SURVIVE.

Q: ONE OF THE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF MIXED SIGNALS WHICH WAS BROUGHT UP AT THE HEARINGS WAS AMBASSADOR HINTON'S OCTOBER 29 AMERICAN-SALVADORAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPEECH. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENT NOW?

A; OUR MESSAGE TO THE SALVADORANS IS CLEAR IN BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC: WE WANT TO SEE THE REMAINING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES CURBED. AMBASSADOR HINTON SAID IT IN PUBLIC. OTHERS HAVE SAID IT IN PRIVATE. THE ONLY DIFFERENCES THERE MAY HAVE BEEN WERE OVER TACTICS ON WHEN

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AND HOW TO SAY IT -- NOT WHAT TO SAY.

-- EL SALVADOR: SALVADORAN ARMY SLOW TO RESPOND? --

Q: IN THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS YESTERDAY ON CERTIFICATION FOR EL SALVADOR, INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS ASSISTANT SECRETARY THOMAS O. ENDERS IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF THE SALVADORAN ARMY AS HAVING BEEN SLOW TO RESPOND TO THE STEPPED-UP GUERRILLA ACTIVITY. HE IS ALSO QUOTED (WEINRAUB/NYTIMES) AS HAVING CONCEDED THAT "THE EVENTS IN BERLIN WERE A "SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTION.'" CAN YOU COMMENT?

A: THE ATTRIBUTED REMARK IS ONLY PARTIAL. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS CONCEDED THAT THE GUERRILLAS' TAKING OF BERLIN WAS PROBABLY A PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST, IT WAS NOT CONSIDERED A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTION. HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT WHILE THE INSURGENCY HAS SHOWN ITSELF TO BE BETTER COORDINATED AND BETTER EQUIPPED RECENTLY, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF HEAVY MORTARS, THAT THE GUERRILLAS HAVE REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME SIZE (5-6,000 MAIN TROOPS) AND THAT THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN LARGELY REGIONALIZED TO FOUR OF EL SALVADOR'S FOURTEEN DEPARTMENTS.

-- SURINAME: DETAINEE FOUND HANGED --

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY CONFIRMATION OR COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT THE FORMER DEPUTY MILITARY COMMANDER IN SURINAME, MAJ. HORB, WHO WAS DETAINED A FEW DAYS AGO WITH OTHERS FOR AN ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOT, WAS FOUND HANGED IN HIS CELL LAST NIGHT?

A: OUR EMBASSY IN PARAMARIBO HAS REPORTED THAT THE SURINAMES NATIONAL RADIO ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT MAJ. HORB WAS FOUND HANGED IN HIS CELL. WE HAVE NO OTHER DETAILS AT THIS TIME. AS YOU KNOW WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS THAT HAVE OCCURED RECENTLY IN SURINAME, INCLUDING THE BRUTAL KILLINGS OF SURINAMESE CITIZENS IN DECEMBER, AS WELL AS THE ARREST OF A NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR ALLEGEDLY PLOTTING AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, AND A SERIES OF HOUSE ARRESTS. WE CONTINUE TO WATCH THE SITUATION IN SURINAME CLOSELY AND WITH GREAT CONCERN, AND WE HOPE THAT THOSE PERSONS CURRENTLY IN CUSTODY WILL RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF FULL DUE PROCESS.

Q: THE SURINAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER IS IN WASHINGTON. WILL HE BE MEETING WITH ANYONE AT THE DEPARTMENT?

A: NO.

-- MDB LOANS TO NICARAGUA --

Q: WOULD YOU COMMENT ON TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE STATING THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) WILL APPROVE A \$30 MILLION LOAN TO ASSIST NICARAGUA'S FISHING INDUSTRY OVER US DISAPPROVAL?

A: NICARAGUA PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR THE REHABILITATION OF ITS FISHING INDUSTRY IN 1981 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE LOAN MAY BE COMING TO THE BOARD FOR DECISION SOME TIME IN

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THE NEAR FUTURE.

DURING 1982, THE US OPPOSED THREE IDB LOANS AND ONE IBRD (WORLD BANK) LOAN FOR NICARAGUA BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT ARE NOT CONDUCTIVE TO DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. THE ADMINISTRATION'S ASSESSMENT OF MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS (MDBS) CONCLUDED THAT SCARCE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ADOPT POLICIES THAT ENSURE EFFECTIVE USE OF SUCH FUNDS. THIS CONTINUES TO BE OUR POLICY.

WE HAVE EXPRESSED A SINCERE HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONDITIONS IN NICARAGUA WHICH HAVE PROMPTED OUR DECISIONS ON THESE LOANS.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE ALLEGATION THAT THE US USES MDBS IN ITS EFFORTS TO DESTABILIZE THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT?

A: THE MDBS ARE TECHNICAL, NON-POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH MAKE THEIR DECISIONS ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRITERIA. WE HAVE OPPOSED 14 LOANS TO TEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD IN 1982 ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS, AND HAVE NOT SINGLED OUT NICARAGUA.

-- BRAZIL/NUCLEAR --

Q: HAS BRAZIL REPROCESSED MATERIAL IRRADIATED IN A U.S. SUPPLIED REACTOR AT THE IPEN FACILITY TO OBTAIN PLUTONIUM?

A: AS A MATTER OF POLICY, WE DO NOT COMMENT ON STORIES BASED ON ALLEGED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, WERE BRAZIL TO REPROCESS MATERIAL IRRADIATED IN THE U.S. SUPPLIED REACTOR AT THE IPEN RESEARCH CENTER, IT WOULD NOT RELIEVE BRAZIL OF THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS THAT APPLY TO U.S. SUPPLIED REACTOR AND FUEL. UNDER ITS AGREEMENT WITH US, AND ITS TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH US AND THE IAEA, IAEA SAFEGUARDS APPLY TO ANY NUCLEAR MATERIAL (I.E. PLUTONIUM) PRODUCED IN THE U.S. SUPPLIED REACTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES AS THEY APPLY TO SUCH SMALL QUANTITIES OF MATERIAL. HANDLING SUCH MATERIAL IN AN UNSAFEGUARDED LABORATORY DOES NOT RELIEVE BRAZIL OF ANY OBLIGATIONS TO APPLY SUCH SAFEGUARDS ON THE MATERIAL, AS THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM REQUIRES. ALL THAT THE LABORATORY'S BEING "UNSAFEGUARDED" MEANS IS THAT THE LABORATORY ITSELF IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS UNLESS IT CONTAINS NUCLEAR MATERIAL THAT IS ALREADY COVERED BY A SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT.

Q: DOES BRAZIL HAVE A SOURCE OF SUCH UNSAFEGUARDED NUCLEAR MATERIAL AT THIS TIME?

A: NO. ALL OF BRAZIL'S RESEARCH AND POWER REACTORS OPERATING OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THIS TIME ARE COVERED BY VARIOUS SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH THE IAEA.

Q: DOES BRAZIL HAVE A WAY OF PRODUCING "UNSAFEGUARDED"

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PLUTONIUM IN ANY AMOUNT AT ALL AT THIS TIME?

A: NO.

Q: COULD BRAZIL REPROCESS ITS OWN MATERIAL IRRADIATED IN THE U.S.-SUPPLIED RESEARCH REACTOR WITHOUT VIOLATING ITS AGREEMENT WITH US.

A: OUR AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL WAS CONCLUDED IN 1972. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, BRAZIL WOULD NEED OUR CONSENT ONLY FOR THE REPROCESSING OF MATERIAL OR FUEL ELEMENTS CONTAINING U.S.-SUPPLIED MATERIAL.

Q: HAS THE ADMINISTRATION TRIED TO GET BRAZIL TO ACCEPT SAFEGUARDS ON THE IPEN HOT CELL?

A: WE HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS URGED BRAZIL, LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NOT YET ADHERED FULLY TO THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO (ALSO KNOWN AS THE TREATY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE) TO BRING THAT TREATY INTO FORCE. UNDER IT, PARTIES AGREE TO ACCEPT IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON ALL THEIR NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE RUMORS THAT AMBASSADOR KENNEDY WILL GO TO BRAZIL IN MARCH?

A: DURING HIS VISIT TO BRAZIL IN NOVEMBER, PRESIDENT REAGAN AGREED WITH PRESIDENT FIGUEREIDO TO ESTABLISH GROUPS TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES; INCLUDING NUCLEAR MATTERS. AMBASSADOR KENNEDY MAY HEAD THE U.S. TEAM DISCUSSING NUCLEAR ISSUES WITH BRAZIL. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ALL OF THESE GROUPS WILL REPORT TO THE TWO PRESIDENTS ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

-- WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON KIRKPATRICK MISSION --
(ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 2, 1983)

- THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY SHULTZ HAVE ASKED UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AMBASSADOR JEANE KIRKPATRICK TO UNDERTAKE A BRIEF VISIT TO SEVERAL CENTRAL AMERICAN CAPITALS AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE REGION IN DECEMBER 1982. BETWEEN FEBRUARY 3-12, SHE WILL VISIT PANAMA, COSTA RICA, HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR AND VENEZUELA.

- AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK WILL CONSULT WITH LOCAL LEADERS ON A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS. IN ADDITION, SHE WILL DISCUSS WAYS TO FURTHER OUR COMMON EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY, CONSIDER MEANS BY WHICH WE CAN ACT TOGETHER TO FOSTER ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND, ASSIST WITH THEIR SECURITY CONCERNS.

4. SUMMARY OF NOON PRESS BRIEFING FEB. 3 (ROMBERG):

- ALTHOUGH THE BRIEFING ULTIMATELY CONCENTRATED ON THE MIDDLE EAST, UPI OPENED WITH A QUESTION ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A GREEN BERET IN EL SALVADOR. THE SPOKESMAN USED THE INITIAL GUIDANCE, NOTING THAT DETAILS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DOD. FOLLOWUP QUESTIONS: ARE US TRAINERS ALLOWED TO CARRY WEAPONS?

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YES, BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE THE PRECISE DEFINITION HANDY. WAS THE TRAINER IN QUESTION CARRYING A WEAPON? THE SPOKESMAN DIDN'T KNOW. WAS THE HELICOPTER IN QUESTION A GUNSHIP? HE ASSUMED IT WAS ARMED BUT HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE IT WAS A "GUNSHIP". DID THE HELICOPTER RETURN FIRE? NO INFORMATION ON THAT. DID THE PILOT VIOLATE ANY TRAINER INTO AN AREA WHERE GUNFIRE MIGHT BE EXPECTED? NO VIEW ON THIS OTHER THAN TO REPEAT THAT THIS WASN'T A COMBAT ZONE. WHERE DID IT OCCUR? IN THE AREA OF SAN VINCENTE.

- ASKED ABOUT A REPORTED COMMENT TO THE MIAMI HERALD YESTERDAY BY SOUTHCOM'S GEN. NUTTING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE US TRAINERS AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN EL SALVADOR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE HADN'T SEEN THE REPORT BUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD INDICATED PREVIOUSLY THAT THERE ARE NO CURRENT PLANS FOR ANY SUCH INCREASES. THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE HAD NO UPDATE ON EITHER THE POLITICAL OR MILITARY SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR.

- ASKED ABOUT PRESS REPORTS THAT BRAZIL HAD REPROCESSED MATERIAL IRRADIATED IN A US-SUPPLIED REACTOR AT THE IPEN FACILITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE HAD A RATHER LONG GUIDANCE WHICH, RATHER THAN READING, HE WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE IN THE PRESS OFFICE. DAM

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